

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Presently amended) A device for smoothing articles of clothing having a cuff, comprising:

a shirt-shaped inflatable body having a flexible covering and at least one arm portion with an end, wherein the flexible covering is expandable for smoothing the article of clothing; and

at least one stiffening member connected to said flexible covering at said end and restricting expansion of the flexible covering near the cuff, said stiffening member disposed inside the cuff when the cuff is being smoothed.

2. (Presently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein:

the clothing has a placket adjacent the cuff; and

said stiffening member has a portion covering said placket when the article of clothing is being smoothed.

3. (Presently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein:

the clothing has a placket adjacent the cuff and the placket has an interior; and

said stiffening member has a portion covering the interior of said placket when the article of clothing is being smoothed.

4. (Presently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein said stiffening member has holding devices for fastening the article of clothing thereon.

5. (Presently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein said stiffening member has means for fastening the article of clothing thereon.

6. (Presently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein said stiffening member has an internal tension mechanism.

7. (Presently amended) ~~The device according to claim 6, A device for smoothing articles of clothing having a cuff, comprising:~~

a shirt-shaped inflatable body having a flexible covering and at least one arm portion with an end;

at least one stiffening connected to said flexible covering at said end, said stiffening disposed inside the cuff when the cuff is being smoothed;

wherein said stiffening has an internal tension mechanism; and

wherein said tension mechanism has two chuck jaws bracing against one another.

8. (Presently amended) The device according to ~~claim 7~~ ~~claim 6~~, wherein said ~~tension mechanism~~ has two chuck jaws are connected to one another ~~and bracing against one another~~.

9. (Presently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein said stiffening member has offset surfaces or angled surfaces for exerting traction on the article of clothing.

10. (Presently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein said stiffening member has means for exerting traction adjacent the cuff.

11. (Presently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein said stiffening member is air-permeable.

12. (Presently amended) A device for pressing articles of clothing having ~~and~~ ~~arm portion~~ a sleeve and a cuff, comprising:

a shirt-shaped inflatable body having:

a flexible covering for receiving a shirt-shaped piece of clothing thereon; and

at least one arm portion with an end for receiving the ~~arm portion~~ sleeve and cuff; and

at least one stiffening member connected to said flexible covering adjacent said end and restricting expansion of the flexible covering near the cuff, said stiffening member disposed inside the cuff when at least one of the ~~arm portion~~ sleeve and the cuff is being smoothed.

13. (Presently amended) The device according to claim 12, wherein:

the clothing has a placket adjacent the cuff; and

said stiffening member has a portion covering said placket when the article of clothing is being smoothed.

14. (Presently amended) The device according to claim 12, wherein:

the clothing has a placket adjacent the cuff and the placket has an interior; and

said stiffening member has a portion covering the interior of said placket when the article of clothing is being smoothed.

15. (Presently amended) The device according to claim 12, wherein said stiffening member has holding devices for fastening the article of clothing thereon.

16. (Presently amended) The device according to claim 12, wherein said stiffening member has means for fastening the article of clothing thereon.

17. (Presently amended) The device according to claim 12, wherein said stiffening member has an internal tension mechanism.

18. (Presently amended) ~~The device according to claim 17, A device for pressing articles of clothing having an arm portion and a cuff, comprising:~~

a shirt-shaped inflatable body having:

a flexible covering for receiving a shirt-shaped piece of clothing thereon; and

at least one arm portion with an end for receiving the arm portion and cuff;

at least one stiffening connected to said flexible covering adjacent said end, said stiffening disposed inside the cuff when at least one of the arm portion and the cuff is being smoothed;

wherein said stiffening has an internal tension mechanism; and

wherein said tension mechanism has two chuck jaws bracing against one another.

19. (Presently amended) The device according to ~~claim 18~~ ~~claim 17~~, wherein said ~~tension mechanism~~ has two chuck jaws ~~are~~ connected to one another ~~and bracing against one another~~.

20. (Presently amended) The device according to claim 12, wherein said stiffening member has offset surfaces or angled surfaces for exerting traction on the article of clothing.

21. (Presently amended) The device according to claim 12, wherein said stiffening member has means for exerting traction adjacent the cuff.

22. (Presently amended) The device according to claim 12, wherein said stiffening member is air-permeable.

23. (New) The device according to claim 1, wherein the stiffening member is made from a substantially non-expandable material.

24. (New) The device according to claim 1, wherein the stiffening member is made from a substantially rigid material.

25. (New) The device according to claim 1, wherein the stiffening member defines multiple air holes permitting air to flow from the inflatable body and toward the cuff.

26. (New) The device according to claim 1, wherein the stiffening member includes an air impermeable region near the end of the arm portion.

27. (New) A device for smoothing articles of clothing having a sleeve and a cuff, comprising:

    a shirt-shaped inflatable body having a flexible covering and at least one arm portion with an end, the arm portion including:

        a first portion being expandable to engage the sleeve when the clothing is being smoothed; and

        a second portion being less expandable than the first portion, the second portion being disposed inside the cuff when the clothing is being smoothed.

28. (New) The device according to claim 27, wherein the second portion is made from a substantially rigid material.

29. (New) The device according to claim 27, wherein the second portion defines multiple air holes permitting air to flow from the inflatable body and toward the cuff.

30. (New) The device according to claim 27, wherein the second portion includes an air impermeable region near the end of the arm portion.

31. (New) The device according to claim 27, further comprising a third portion extending axially from the second portion along the arm portion, the sleeve including a placket and the third portion extending adjacent the placket inside the sleeve and restricting expansion of the first portion near the placket when the clothing is being smoothed.

32. (New) The device according to claim 31, wherein the third portion is made from a substantially rigid material.

33. (New) The device according to claim 31, wherein the third portion defines multiple air holes permitting air to flow from the inflatable body and toward the placket.